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said first flange, said first flange having a second hole formed therein, and said first member attached to said shaft holder by passing said threaded rod through said second hole and said first hole and securing said nut on said threaded rod.

65. The apparatus as described in claim 64, wherein said attachment means further includes at least one screw and at least a third hole formed in said second flange, said attachment means attachable to the surface by screwing said at least one screw through said at least a third hole and into the surface.

66. The apparatus as described in claim 64, wherein said attachment means further includes at least a third hole formed in said second flange; a second member having a third flange and a fourth flange generally perpendicularly attached to said third flange, said third flange having a fourth hole formed therein, and said fourth flange having at least a fifth hole formed therein; a clamping mechanism including a clamping plate and an adjustment means engageable with said clamping plate; and at least one screw, wherein said first member is attached to said second member by screwing said at least one second screw through said third hole and said fifth hole, and said shaft holder is attachable to the surface by clamping said surface between said first flange and said clamping plate, said adjustment means passing through said fourth hole and engaging and pushing said ~~clamping plate into the surface.~~

67. A system for mounting a device to a supporting surface using one of a plurality of devices that can be assembled from the system, the system comprising:

a shaft holder including a bottom having a first hole formed therein and an open top forming a receptacle for receiving the device, wherein the device is removably insertable into said receptacle;

a plurality of threaded rods;

a nut;

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a first member having a first flange and a second flange generally perpendicularly attached to said first flange, said first flange having a second hole formed therein, and said second flange having at least a third hole formed therein; and

a second member having a third flange and a fourth flange generally perpendicularly attached to said third flange, said third flange having a fourth hole formed therein, and said ~~fourth flange having at least a fifth hole formed therein.~~

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68. The system as described in claim 67, wherein the plurality of devices includes a clamp mount, a wall mount, and a flat mount.

69. The system as described in claim 68, wherein said wall mount is assembled by connecting said shaft holder to said first flange by passing a first one of said plurality of threaded rods through said second hole and said first hole, securing said nut on said first threaded rod, and screwing a second one of said plurality of threaded rods through said at least a third hole and into the surface.

70. The system as described in claim 68, further including a clamping plate having a sixth hole located therein.

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71. The system as described in claim 70, wherein said clamp mount is assembled by connecting said shaft holder to said first flange by passing a first one of said plurality of threaded rods through said second hole and said first hole, and securing said nut on said first threaded rod; connecting said first member and said second member by aligning said second flange and said fourth flange, and screwing at least a second one of said plurality of threaded rods through said at least a third hole and said at least a fifth hole; locating said clamping plate below the surface, said first flange above the surface and said third flange below the clamping plate; and screwing a third one of said plurality of threaded rods through said fourth hole so as to engage said clamping plate and push said clamping plate upward to engage the surface.

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the species election set forth in the outstanding Official Action dated November 2, 2000, the shortened statutory period for responding having expired on December 2, 2000. In this regard, Applicant submits herewith a One Month Extension Petition to reset the deadline for response to the Official Action to and including January 2, 2001.

The Examiner in the Official Action has indicated that the invention includes seven patentably distinct species identified as Species I-Species VII. Of the pending claims, independent claims 36 and 50 are generic to all of the disclosed Species I-VII.